

Symbolism in The Scarlet Letter

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what the point is...
this paragraph is...

Nathaniel Hawthorne uses symbolism ~~continuously~~ throughout The Scarlet Letter. The bright 'A', Hester's baby, the scaffold, and the prison play off one another to give the novel a different meaning to each reader. If the reader had been in Massachusetts in the 1840's, they would have more than likely been against Hester, but the symbolism gives the audience a better perspective.

this is set in
1600s-1800s
just more relevant.

The scarlet 'A' signifies many different things in the novel. The Puritans used it to mark Hester Prynne and to remind her of the sin she committed. "She had fortified herself to encounter the stings and venomous stabs of public contumely wreaking itself..." Dimmesdale, Pearl's father, is tortured by the letter. ^{and,} As Hester grows stronger, ^{still quiet,} she doesn't flow with sentence.

Does Puritanism really matter?
this paragraph is
"messed up"
is probably not
the best choice

Dimmesdale becomes weaker. ^{The Puritans} ~~The society~~ wanted Hester to ~~always~~ remember that she had committed adultery, but ^{her punishment} instead it made her a better person and showed how

judgmental and messed up the Puritans were. Later in the novel, the meaning of the letter ^{if on her chest} changes, Hester became accustomed to wearing the letter and ^{as} is not seen as the puritan begin to think of her as a kind, compassionate person.

~~as a sinner anymore, but more a strong, courageous woman.~~

Pearl is a living symbol of Hester and Dimmesdale's sin. ^{she} she wants her mother